Statement-III

Contribution of Agriculture (including livestock as percentage of GSDP at current prices) of Rajasthan

Sl. No.	Year	Contribution of Agriculture (including livestock as percentage of GSDP at current prices of Rajasthan, at current prices.
1.	2004-05	25.0
2.	2005-06	22.8
3.	2006-07	23.6

Statement-IV

Percentage Growth in GDP/GSDP at factor cost at constant prices and compare with other sectors

Year	Agriculture (including livestock)		All other sectors		Total GDP/GSDP	
	GDP India	GSDP Rajasthan	GDP India	GSDP Rajasthan	GDP India	GSDP Rajasthan
2004-05	0.0	-14.6	9.3	4.2	7.5	-1.9
2005-06	6.1	-1.3	10.1	9.8	9.4	6.7
2006-07	3.8	7.2	10.9	7.2	9.6	7.2

Suicides by farmers

†2022. SHRI PRABHAT JHA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that cases of suicides by farmers in different parts of the country are increasing inspite of announcement of Rehabilitation package and waiving of loans;

(b) if so, the State-wise details with regard to cases of suicides came to the knowledge of the Government from January, 2008 to till date;

(c) the reasons therefor; and

(d) the details of steps taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTILAL BHURIA): (a) to (d) The suicides by farmers have mainly been reported from the States of Andhra Pradesh, Maharashtra, Karnataka and Kerala. Some cases of suicides by farmers were also reported from the States of Gujarat, Punjab and Tamil Nadu. A Statement indicating the number of suicides by farmers as reported by the State Governments is enclosed. As reported by the State Governments, the causes of suicide by farmers are broadly crop failure, indebtedness, drought and social and economic insecurity. To address the problem of suicide by farmers, the Government of India

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

approved a rehabilitation package of Rs. 16978.69 crore for 31 Districts in the four States of Andhra Pradesh, Maharashtra, Karnataka and Kerala reporting comparatively higher number of suicides by farmers. The package being implemented includes both immediate and medium term measures. Measures taken by Government include waiver and debt relief for farmers announced in the Union Budget 2008-09 to address the problem of indebtedness of farmers. The scheme has been implemented by Ministry of Finance benefiting about 3.68 crore of farmers with total amount of waiver and relief amounting to about Rs.65318 crore. Measures taken by Government for revitalisation of agriculture sector include launching of new schemes, namely, National Food Security Mission to improve production and productivity of foodgrains and Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana with an objective to improve growth rate of agriculture and allied sector and to incentives the States so as to increase public investment in agriculture and allied sector.

Statement

Cases of suicide by farmers as per reports received from State Governments (as on 15.12.2008)

Sl.No.	Name of the State	Period	No. of farmers' suicides as reported by State Govts.	
			Total	of which in Package Districts
1	2	3	4	5
1.	Andhra Pradesh	2004	1184	1142
		2005	630	609
		2006	522	511
		2007	373	365
		2008 (till 29.10.2008)	112	110
2.	Karnataka	2004-05	271	135
		2005-06	163	76
		2006-07	346	132
		2007-08	342	140
		2008-09 (upto August '08)	152	59
3.	Maharashtra	2004	632	441
		2005	595	431
		2006	2355	1448
		2007	1985	1276
		2008 (up to Sept. 2008)	NA	573
4.	Kerala	2001 to 2006	841	Not
		2007 (upto 31.10.2007)	64	Available

1	2	3	4	5
5.	Tamil Nadu	2000-2007 (up to March 2007)	26	
6.	Punjab	2004	22	
		2005	32	
		2006	19	
		2007	24	
7.	Gujarat	2004	108	
		2005	125	
		2006	149	
		2007	103	
		2008 (upto July, 2008)	21	

All other States and Union Territories have reported NIL information relating to suicide by farmers.

Expenditure incurred by Government to relieve farmers of bank debt liabilities

2023.SHRI KALRAJ MISHRA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) how far farmers have been relieved of bank debt liabilities in each State, and the number of farmers so relieved of liabilities;

(b) the expenditure so far incurred by the Union Government for defraying such liabilities; and

(c) the number of farmers who committed suicide despite the Union Government relief in respect of their debt liabilities, during the intervening period?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTILAL BHURIA): (a) As per the provisional figures, 3,01,06,236 small and marginal farmers and 67,71,582 other farmers have benefited from Agricultural Debt Waiver and Debt Relief Scheme, 2008. State-wise details are enclosed as Statement (See below). The final figures will be available after completion of statutory audit of the lending institutions.

(b) The Government has already released Rs. 25,000 crore to RBI (Rs. 17,500 crore for Cooperative Banks and Regional Rural banks and Rs.7,500 crore for Scheduled Commercial Banks, Urban Cooperative Banks and Local Area Banks). The balance reimbursable claims would be released in July 2009, July 2010 and July 2011. The Government has also decided to pay interest on the balance reimbursable claims.

(c) No such report has been received from the State Governments. However, suicide cases reported by the State Governments during the year 2007 & 2008 are as under: